were forwarded as late claims to the UNCC.

Whereas the UNCC has stipulated 1.9.95 as the final date for receipt of late claims in individual categories filed after 1.1.95 on "strong and compelling" reasons which were required to be justified by a documentary evidence to be furnished by each claimant, the final date for receipt of Corporate claims (Category 'E') and Government claims (Category 'F') has been extended to 1.1.96.

The only payment of US$642,500 for 167 successful Indian 'B' claimant was released by the UNCC in November, 1995, the disbursement of which is currently being made by the four Banks designated to handle Gulf War claims.

Demand of Post Offices in Villages of Gudda Duistrict of Bihar

399. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats in Gudda district of Bihar which had demanded a post office;

(b) the number of post offices which will be opened in the various villages in Gudda district of Bihar during the current year;

(c) in what manner this huge demand is proposed to be met; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that each of these villages have a post office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Six Gram Panchayats in Gudda district of Bihar had demanded a Post Office.

(b) No Post Office is planned to be opened in Gudda district of Bihar during the curent year.

(c) and (d) Post Offices are opened under the Annual Plan Progressively, subject to fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of Plan funds.

[The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair*]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Paddy Processing Research Centre, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu and related papers

II. Memorandum of understanding (1995-96) between the Govt. of India and Modern Food Industries (India) Limited

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (Madam) I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and accounts of the Paddy Processing Research Centre, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8307/95]

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Food Processing Industries) and Modern Food Industries (India) Limited, for the year 1995-96).

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8160/95]

Production Sharing contract between Govt. of India and Natural Gas Corpn. Ltd. and Shell India Production Development, B.V.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLIUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SATISH SHARMA): (Madam) I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Production Sharing Contract between the